



**Western Birding Symposium
&
Utah Ornithological Society Fall Conference
August 17-19, 2006
Brigham City, Utah**

WEEKEND AGENDA

Wednesday, August 16

Pre-symposium field trip to the Uinta Mountains

Thursday, August 17

Registration begins at 12:00pm – Utah State University Campus, Brigham City

Birding on your own – Great Salt Lake Birding Trails maps available

Late afternoon social & welcome to Brigham City - Pete Dunne book-signing

Pete Dunne on “The Art of Fishing”

Friday, August 18

Morning - field trips to Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Salt Creek WMA, Promontory/Golden Spike, Logan Canyon, Tony Grove, Willard Bay State Park, Antelope Island State Park

Afternoon – presentations and papers by Utah birders, research students, and others, including

“Utah Geology & Unique Bird Life,” by Don Paul

“Owls in the West” with Emphasis on Utah, by Merrill Webb

“Bear River Shorebird Abundance & Phenology,” by Bridget Olson

“Field Sketching Birds for Documentation,” with Dave Prevedel

Evening – Dutch oven dinner/banquet followed by

Pete Dunne on “Twenty Things That Changed Birding”

Saturday, August 19

Morning – field trips to Salt Creek WMA, Promontory/Golden Spike, Logan Canyon, Tony Grove, Willard Bay State Park, Antelope Island State Park,

Shorebird I.D. Workshop at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge – classroom & field trip

Afternoon – presentations and papers by Utah birders, research students, and others; including:

“Hope is the Thing With Feathers,” by Chris Cokinos (and book-signing)

“Funding Wildlife in the New Millennium,” by Bill Fenimore

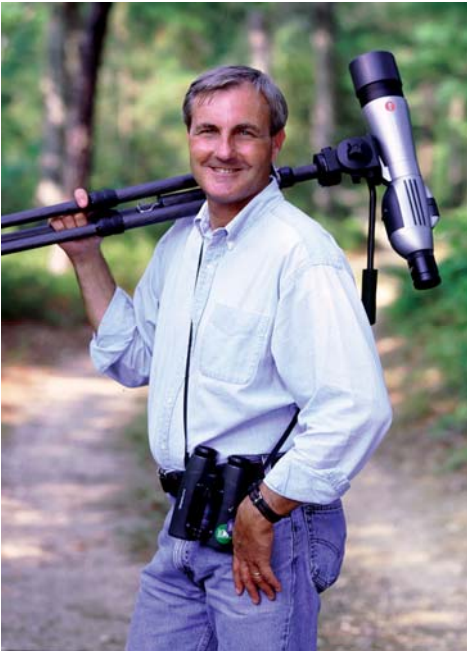
followed by a panel discussion,

“Do Birders Pay Their Way?”

UOS Membership business meeting

(more presentations will be added to both days...)

(Activities for non-birding spouses & children will be arranged for Friday & Saturday)



Join Pete Dunne at the Western Birding Symposium August 17-19, 2006 in Brigham City, Utah

Thursday, August 17

“The Art of Pishing” – Why drive and walk in search of birds when you can get them to come to you? Pete Dunne, author of the newly released *Art of Pishing* will show you how to wheeze, shush, stutter and whistle your way to inner peace, spiritual enlightenment, and a few good birds. Wear clothing you don’t mind getting wet. Those easily embarrassed need not attend.

Friday, August 18

“Twenty Things that Changed Birding” – Birding, that quaint, closet avocation once enjoyed by wispy haired academic types, the stereotypic little-ol’-lady-in-tennis-sneakers has morphed into the second largest and fastest-growing outdoor activity. But why? How? What are the catalytic social changes, political decisions, products, ideas, publications, and people that shifted the avocational axis of birding? Pete Dunne peered

deep into the suds lying atop a cold mug and has come up with twenty answers. Some will make you nod. Some will make you pause. All will help you better understand the hobby that serves as your addiction.

JOIN US! Celebrate completion of the new Wildlife Education Center at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge! The Refuge, along with Brigham City, Utah State University, the Utah Ornithological Society, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and others, are hosting their first biennial symposium.

Shorebird migration in northern Utah will be at its peak! There’s no better place to learn and practice identification skills than habitats around the Great Salt Lake. Morning field trips will take you to some of northern Utah’s most scenic and unique bird habitats – at all elevations. Afternoon presentations will occur in air-conditioned comfort at Utah State University’s newly remodeled classrooms. Learn all about birds and birding in Utah from some of the state’s most experienced birders and researchers. Enjoy a traditional Utah “Dutch Oven Dinner” and let Pete Dunne educate and entertain you!

Some bird species we’ll look for include: Cinnamon teal, chukar, greater sage-grouse, western and Clark’s grebes, Swainson’s hawk, peregrine falcon, snowy plover, black-necked stilt, American avocet, long-billed curlew, marbled godwit, western, least, Baird’s and stilt sandpipers, long-billed dowitcher, Wilson’s and red-necked phalaropes, California gull, burrowing owl, white-throated swift, common poorwill, black-chinned, broad-tailed, calliope and rufous hummingbirds, red-naped sapsucker, American three-toed woodpecker, western wood-pewee, Hammond’s, gray, dusky, ash-throated and cordilleran flycatchers, plumbeous vireo, Steller’s, pinion and western scrub-jays, violet-green swallow, American dipper, rock and canyon wrens, mountain bluebird, Townsend’s solitaire, sage thrasher, MacGillivray’s warbler, western tanager, green-tailed and spotted towhees, Brewer’s and black-throated sparrows, lazuli bunting, Bullock’s oriole, black rosy-finch and Cassin’s finch.

Details on where to find more complete event information and registration forms will be forth-coming! To get on a mailing list for the event flyer, call Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge at: **(435) 723-5887** or send an email to: **bearriver@fws.gov** and provide your mailing address.

Questions can be directed to: Betsy Beneke, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah, 84302; (435) 734-6436 or Betsy_Beneke@fws.gov.

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